GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri. P. Mani Varma, Gazetted Assistant Technical (Retd), O/o Prl.CCF, A.P., Hyderabad - Inquiry finalized and Findings received – Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 96 Dated:03-11-2015.
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF, Ref.No.37517/2002/K1, dt:31-01-2014.
2. Govt. Memo No.887/For.IV/A1/2014, dt:15.12.2014.
3. From the Prl.CCF, Ref.No.37517/2002/Vig-2, dt:17-01-2015.
4. Govt. Memo No.887/For.IV/A1/2014, dt:02.07.2015.
5. From the Prl.CCF, Ref.No.37517/2002/Vig-2, dt:03-08-2015.
6. Govt. Letter No.887/For.IV/A1/2014, Dated:13-08-2015.
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.701/DC&C/3/2015, dt.16.09.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that Articles of Charges were issued, vide PCCFs Ref.No. 37517/2002/P3, dt.15.12.2009 against Sri P.Mani Varma, Gazetted Assistant Technical(Retd), formerly DM Gr.I, O/o DFO Visakhapatnam by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, on the following counts:-

Article-1: That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty by not posting Division work register of Visakhapatnam Port Trust works from 1998-99 to 2000-01 and there by contravened Sub-Rule(b) Rule-3 B of the A.P. Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Article-2: That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty by not scrutinizing fund applications properly pertaining to VPT works and simply endorsed on the fund applications as "fund may be released" thereby contravened Sub-Rule 4 of Rule – 3 of the A.P. Civil Services(C) Rules 1964.

Article-3: That he has shown lack of devotion to duty and failed to obtain the CRs pertaining to the VPT works from the Forest Range Officer in time and thereby contravened Sub-Rule(1) of Rule 3 of the A.P. Civil Services(C) Rules, 1964.

Article-4: That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in not obtaining the estimates for each and every VPT works which are pending and failed to bring the facts to the notice of the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam, thereby contravened Sub-Rule(1) of Rule(3) of the APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964.

Article-5: That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in not scrutinizing the estimates properly with in the financial year and put up for sanction for spill over works of 1999-2000 during the year 2000-01 which is highly irregular and thereby contravened Sub-Rule(1) & (4) of Rule-3 of the APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964.

Article-6: That he has exhibited gross neglect of duty in scrutinizing the estimates for hiring of water tankers in a casual manner by not pointing out the irregularity of putting the estimates of hiring of water tankers by the Forest Range Officer separately instead of including in the main estimate.

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2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 18.12.2009 and did not submit his explanation within the stipulated time. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer and Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram as Presenting Officer, vide Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.37517/2002/P3(i) (ii) dt.20-11-2010. The Prl.CCF informed that, for all these years, the charged officer did not co-operate with the Inquiry Officer. He did not submit any explanation to the Article of Charge and the Inquiry Officer had submitted findings (ex parte) based on records vide Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam Rc.No.1094/2003/M8 dt: 30-4-2011. The findings were communicated vide PCCF Rc.No. 37517/2002/K1 dt: 21-5-2011.

3. The explanation of the Charged Officer was send to Inquiry Officer to examine and conduct oral enquiry and re-submission of findings. The Inquiry Officer after conducting oral enquiry and submitted findings vide Conservator of Forests Rc.No. 1094/2003/M8 dt: 24-10-2013 finally concluding that all the charges framed against the Charged Officer are proved.

4. Findings were communicated to the Charged officer vide PCCF Rc.No. 37517/2002/K1 dt: 4-11-2013 for his further defense. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 11-11-2013.

5. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-10-2012. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings were continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years on the charged officer, Sri. P. Mani Varma, Gazetted Assistant Technical (Retd), O/o Prl.CCF, A.P., Hyderabad, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 5th read above in which he has agreed to the proposed punishment.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years on the charged officer, Sri. P. Mani Varma, Gazetted Assistant Technical (Retd), O/o Prl.CCF, A.P., Hyderabad, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl.Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.701/DC&C/3/2015, dt.16.09.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER